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Docket No.: 57457-016

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of

John K. HOWARD

Serial No.: 09/827,895

Filed: April 09, 2001

: RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
: EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

: Customer Number: 20277
: Confirmation Number: 5554
: Group Art Unit: 1743
: Examiner: Jan Ludlow

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVING THE PERFORMANCE OF
MICROANALYTIC AND MICROSYNTHETIC PROCEDURES

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated February 12, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 12, 2004, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.